

ELIZA J. MEAD.

JULY 1, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 2869.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2869) granting a pension to Eliza J. Mead, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

HOUSE REPORT.

This bill proposes to restore to the pension roll, at \$10 per month, the name of Eliza J. Mead, of Waltham, Mass., as the widow of James W. Mead, who served as acting third assistant engineer (ranking with midshipman) on the U. S. S. *Dumbarton*, United States Navy, from July 21, 1864, to April 18, 1865, when his resignation was accepted.

He died April 6, 1872, from disease of the liver and bowels, due to malarial poisoning contracted in the service, and this claimant filed and established a claim as his widow and was pensioned at \$10 per month from the date of her husband's death to August 25, 1880, and \$2 additional on account of one minor until March 2, 1876, when the child reached 16 years.

On the 25th of August she was married to Albert Higgins. She was divorced from him December 13, 1886, with leave to resume the name of her former husband.

She was married to James W. Mead January 8, 1857, and is 61 years of age.

This claimant is now a widow in necessitous circumstances and a woman of good character. She was the wife of the soldier during the war.

The bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it pass.